

## **ABSTRACT**

A system and method is provided for offering network-based evaluation, assessment and certification which can be utilized at great distances. The system allows for setting specific criteria for any given discipline, and allows participants to  
5 evaluate their own performance against any given applicable set of standards and independent third-party validation of performance by conducting an on-site survey using the same system. Individuals can evaluate their own competencies, compliance against the given criteria in the learning experience asynchronously, thereby taking advantage of diverse schedules. The standards can be set and administered either by  
10 a nation-state, professional society, or international or national standards setting organization. Thus, the present invention may be utilized by educational organizations, accreditation organizations, nation-states, government agencies/ministries, professional societies, or international or national standards setting organizations.